

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA
NEW ALBANY DIVISION

IN RE:)	Chapter 11
)	
EASTERN LIVESTOCK CO., LLC,)	Case No. 10-93904-BHL-11
)	
Debtor.)	Hon. Basil H. Lorch III

**FIRST INTERIM APPLICATION OF WIMBERLY LAWSON WRIGHT
DAVES & JONES, PLLC FOR COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF
EXPENSES AS SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR JAMES A. KNAUER, CHAPTER 11
TRUSTEE**

James A. Knauer, the Chapter 11 Trustee (the "Trustee") appointed in this case, files this first interim application (the "Application") on behalf of Wimberly Lawson Wright Daves & Jones, PLLC ("Wimberly Lawson") for the allowance and payment of Wimberly Lawson's fees as special counsel for the Trustee and for reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses incurred on behalf of the Trustee. In support of Wimberly Lawson's Application, the Trustee states as follows:

1. Petitioning creditors commenced the above-captioned chapter 11 case (the "Chapter 11 Case") against Debtor on December 6, 2010 by filing an involuntary petition for relief under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code, 11 U.S.C. §§ 101 et seq. This Court entered its *Order For Relief In An Involuntary Case And Order To Complete Filing* [Docket #110] on December 28, 2010.

2. On December 27, 2010, the Court entered its *Order Approving The Appointment Of James A. Knauer As Chapter 11 Trustee* [Docket #102], approving the United States Trustee's *Notice Of Appointment And Application for Order Approving Appointment of Trustee* [Docket #98] pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 1104.

3. This Court, by order dated October 11, 2013 [Docket #2388], approved the Trustee's retention of Wimberly Lawson as the Trustee's special counsel.

4. This Application is the first interim application filed on behalf of Wimberly Lawson seeking compensation and reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the special counsel for the Trustee for the period February 28, 2013 through and including April 8, 2014. Work performed prior to October 11 was reasonable and necessary to assist the Trustee's special counsel in determining the status of the case and evaluating whether to pursue the matter further.

5. As special counsel to the Trustee, Wimberly Lawson represents the Trustee in a collection suit in Circuit Court for Hamblen County, Tennessee, all as detailed in the time entries on attached Exhibit A.

6. Exhibit A provides the detail of the time entries for each Wimberly Lawson attorney or paralegal who has performed services in this case. A summary of the fees requested by Wimberly Lawson for each consultant and the number of hours worked for each individual, the billing rate requested and the total fees claimed is set forth below.

Attorney	Hours	Hourly Rate	Total
Mary Moffatt Helms	8	170/180	1,418.00

7. Wimberly Lawson has advanced the sum of \$20.98 for out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with this case on behalf of the Trustee during the period from February 28, 2103 through and including April 8, 2014. A summary of the out-of-pocket expenses incurred by Wimberly Lawson is set forth in Exhibit B.

8. All of Wimberly Lawson's time was related to this litigation matter.

9. This Application is the first application of Wimberly Lawson as special counsel for the Trustee in this case and no prior fees have been awarded to Wimberly Lawson as special counsel for the Trustee in this case.

10. No agreement or understanding exists between Wimberly Lawson and any other person or entity for the sharing of compensation received for services rendered in connection with this case.

11. All services rendered and all expenses incurred for which compensation or reimbursement is sought have been rendered or incurred exclusively on behalf of the Trustee and represent necessary and proper legal services in the administration of this Chapter 11 Case.

WHEREFORE, Wimberly Lawson requests (i) the Court to award an allowance of compensation for consulting fees in the amount of One Thousand Four Hundred Eighteen Dollars and 00/100 (\$1,418.00) plus reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses incurred in the amount of Twenty Dollars and 98/100 Dollars (\$20.98), and (ii) grant Wimberly Lawson all other just and proper relief.

Respectfully submitted,

KROGER, GARDIS & REGAS, LLP

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on April 28, 2014, a copy of the foregoing pleading was filed electronically. Notice of this filing will be sent to the following parties through the Court's Electronic Case Filing System. Parties may access this filing through the Court's system.

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